

13 January 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Historical Staff
FROM : Support Services Historical Officer (SSHO)
SUBJECT : Status Report, July-December 1970

1. Very substantial progress has been made on the DDS Historical Program since the last semi-annual reporting period and it is expected that the flow of finished histories, which has been a trickle, will shortly increase to a respectable stream. Three histories were published in the last six month period. Of the 67 histories currently scheduled, 29 are in draft and nearing publication, 14 are in various stages of research and writing, and 24 are inactive.

2. Of the 29 papers closest to completion, 12 are either being typed in final form for publication or are being finally edited by the Historical Staff, 13 are being revised in the Directorate per the suggestions of the SSHO, and 4 are in first draft awaiting his initial review. There is good reason to believe that a large number of these studies will be completed in the next reporting period.

3. Of the 24 studies reported as inactive (e.g. the SSHO has not yet been consulted regarding work on a given history), 12 are scheduled in the Office of Personnel, 7 in Communications, and 5 by the Medical Staff. No inactive histories are known to exist in the other components of the Directorate.

4. Eight individuals, including five contract employees, worked full time on component histories; and 31 individuals worked part time. Twenty-one people assigned writing responsibilities are not yet working on their studies. The attachment provides further details on the DDS historical program for the period from July through December 1970. The information shows both the status of individual papers and, also, the over-all situation with reference to the component offices and the Directorate.

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11. Mr. [REDACTED] on full-time assignment to support the SSHO, has provided useful assistance in reviewing various of the component contributions. At present [REDACTED] 25X1A9a is overseeing the revision of the history of Logistic Services.

25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] however, plans to retire in March, which will leave the SSHO without assistance just when the workload is expected to peak. According to our production schedule, 31 histories are expected in draft between March and August. To revise and edit these histories in time to write the overall history of the DDS, it is imperative that the DDS provide the SSHO with assistance from the time of Mr. [REDACTED] departure 25X1A9a to the end of the present calendar year.

12. There has been no direct progress during this reporting period on work toward the completion of the over-all history of the DDS. As noted in previous status reports, until the bulk of the historical contributions from the DDS components have been reviewed by the SSHO--hopefully by early summer 1971--little effort can be devoted to this activity per se. It should be emphasized, however, that the SSHO, through continued exposure to the specifics of component histories and to many individual DDS careerists, is steadily broadening his knowledge of the Directorate. The SSHO expects to derive substantial assistance in this project from the Diary Notes which the Executive Director-Comptroller is making available to the Historical Staff for the period of his association with the DDS and its predecessor directorate. Arrangements have also been made for the preservation and use of the papers of Mr. Bannerman during his tenure as ADDS and DDS. The latter records should be of much help in writing the ongoing history of the Directorate.

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Attachment